

[18th August 1925]

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The Madras Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923 (Validation) Act, 1924	31st January 1925.
The Madras Civil Courts (Amendment) Act, 1925	18th March 1925.
The Madras District Municipalities and Local Boards (Amendment) Act, 1924 ...	1st April 1925
The Madras Agricultural Pests and Diseases (Amendment) Act, 1925	2nd June 1925.”

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An Act to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920	29th April 1925.
An Act further to amend the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919	4th May 1925.
An Act to amend the Madras Agricultural Pests and Diseases Act, 1919 ...	14th May 1925.”

IX**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.**

(1)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the following orders :—

* (i) G.O. No. 176, Development, dated 3rd February 1925, passing orders on the Audit Report and accounts for 1923-24 of the Russellkonda Saw Mill.

* (ii) G.O. No. 299, Development, dated 26th February 1925, recording the accounts and Audit Report of Fishery—Cannery—for quarter ending 30th September 1924.

* (iii) G.O. No. 313, Development, dated 3rd March 1925, recording Audit Report and accounts for 1923-24 of Cinehona.

* (iv) G.O. No. 377, Development, dated 12th March 1925, publishing the report of the British Empire Exhibition.

^b (v) G.O. No. 402, Development, dated 19th March 1925, recording the Audit Report of the Fruit Preserving Institute for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

* Placed on the Editors' Table.

^a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 103-113 infra.

^b Printed as Appendix V on pages 114-118 infra.

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^o (vi) G.O. No. 612, Development, dated 24th April 1925, regarding Audit Report and accounts of the Russellkonda Saw Mill for the quarter ending 30th September 1924.

^d (vii) G.O. No. 629, Finance, dated 23rd July 1925, regarding the constitution of the Public Accounts and Finance Committees of the Legislative Council for 1925-26.

^{*} (viii) G.O. No. 694, Development, dated 8th May 1925, regarding Audit Report of the accounts of the Nilambur Valley forest for the year ending 31st March 1923.

[†] (ix) G.O. No. 702, Revenue, dated 11th May 1925, publishing rules framed under section 26 of the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act, 1923.

^o (x) G.O. No. 967, Development, dated 6th July 1925, passing orders on the Audit Report and accounts of the Russellkonda Saw Mill for the quarter ending 31st December 1924.

(2)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the Proceedings ^f of the 20th and 21st meetings of the Finance Committee for 1924-25, held on the 20th and 26th March 1925, respectively.

(3)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the list ^g of posts on Rs. 500 per mensem and above created during the quarter ending March 1925.

(4)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of Government Orders ^h relating to authorisation of expenditure by His Excellency the Governor under section 72-D (2) (b) of the Government of India Act.

(5)

With reference to the undertaking given by the hon. the Minister for Development on 5th March 1925, the Secretary laid on the table a statement ⁱ giving the names, caste, educational and other qualifications of the Honorary Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies appointed for 1924-25.

(6)

With reference to the debate on 31st March 1925 on the motion of Mr. S. Satyamurti for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the President's Salary Act, 1924, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of the resolution ^j recorded by the Committee appointed at the suggestion of the hon. the Law Member to consider the question of the safeguards that should be provided for, and the conditions that should be imposed on, the holder of the office of President of the Legislative Council.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"Sir, with reference to item (i) (ix) I wish to know, Sir, when the Government will provide a day for discussing these rules, for I have given notice of certain amendments."

^{*} Placed on the Editors' Table.

[†] Published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 1st June 1925.

^o Printed as Appendix VI on pages 119-126 infra.

^d Printed as Appendix VII on page 127 infra.

^{*} Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 128-135 infra.

^f Printed as Appendix IX on pages 135-137 infra.

^g Printed as Appendix X on pages 137-141 infra.

^h Printed as Appendix XI on pages 141-142 infra.

ⁱ Printed as Appendix XII on pages 143-152 infra.

^j Printed as Appendix XIII on page 152 infra.

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* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I think it will be proper if the hon. Member raises this question in the usual manner, i.e., at the end of question-time to-morrow."

X

ALLOTMENT OF DAYS FOR NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"His Excellency the Governor has already informed the Council that he has allotted two days for non-official business in this Council during the present sitting. I think it will probably be convenient to the House to attend to non-official business on Thursday and Friday. I hope that an announcement will be made before the end of the present sitting regarding the further allotment of non-official days during this session."

XI

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"Mr. President, Sir, in moving this order of the day I may preface what I have got to say by an announcement which I think will make for a different attitude with regard to this particular subject on this occasion from the one what was, if I may say so, not unnaturally manifested on the last occasion. I think, I can now announce that with the consent of my hon. Colleague, the Finance Member, I am in a position to state on behalf of Government that Rs. 5,000 will be placed at the disposal of the House Committee (Hear, hear) and not only that, but that if further expenditure inevitable in character is also within the programme of the House Committee Government will not by any means be averse to considering enlargement of that grant. (Hear, hear.) Hon. Members of the House Committee when appointed will be as keen guardians of the public purse as any others. That being so, I now move that in pursuance of Standing Order No. 80, this Council do proceed to elect six members to be members of the House Committee, according to the principle of proportionate representation by means of the single transferable vote."

* The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I second it, Sir."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to inform the House that with reference to Regulation 11 of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 2 p.m. to-day as the time by which nominations of candidates for election to the House Committee should be sent to the Secretary."

XII

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1925-26.

Grant XVII (i).

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

'that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 27,740 under "31-C. Education—Primary—Grants to local bodies for primary education—(i) Local bodies—Buildings" for grants towards the cost of construction of elementary school buildings. The amount will be met from the surplus due to the remission of the provincial contribution to the Government of India'."